

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-8 are pending for further examination.

Applicant has filed a proposed drawing correction herewith, in which Fig. 10 has been amended to reverse the orientation of wheel 102 in order to correctly correspond to the remaining figures in this application. No new matter has been added. Approval of the proposed drawing corrections are respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8 herein in a manner that is believed to obviate this rejection. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Woesheler. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not anticipated by Woesheler. However, without acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant has amended claim 1 herein in a manner that more clearly distinguishes the cited reference, in order to expedite allowance of the claims. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to require that rotation of the wheel shaft by the motor causes rotation of the wheel driving element, which in turn causes rotation of the wheel as a result of the wheel driving element being countersunk into an inner

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 10. This sheet, which includes Fig. 10, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 10.

Attachment: Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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portion of the wheel. Neither this feature, nor any of the other structural features of the wheel and wheel shaft set forth in claim 1 are taught or suggested in Woesheler. For example, Woesheler fails to teach or suggest the feature of using a polygon shaped wheel driving element on a wheel shaft that is countersunk into an inner portion of a wheel having a complementary polygon shaped recess. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Woesheler fails to teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, as required for anticipation under section 102. Moreover, no other reference of record makes up for the deficiencies of Woesheler. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Woesheler is directed to a camber adjustment feature for a wheel and does not include any relevant disclosure with respect to driving the wheel for rotation, much less any disclosure or suggestion of the specific structural relationship between the wheel shaft, driving element and wheel defined in the pending claims.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art. In addition, the dependent claims includes patentable features that are not disclosed in the cited prior art. For example, the Examiner has not identified any disclosure in Woesheler of the claimed structures set forth in dependent claim 7.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

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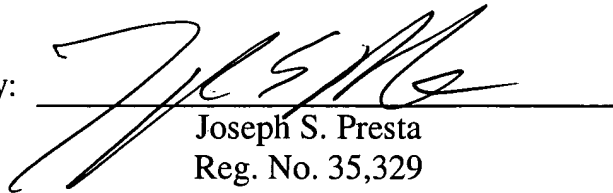
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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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